

# Generation X Study

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## Mechanical

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# Mechanical Topics

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- ◆ Options considered
- ◆ Selected Configuration and Rationale
- ◆ Spacecraft Configurations
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- ◆ Trades / Risks / Issues & Concerns





# Mechanical Overview

- ◆ Several options/configurations have been studied.
- ◆ Each have their merits depending on baseline assumptions.
- ◆ Each will be presented, their advantages and disadvantages will be discussed.





# Mechanical Driving Requirements

## ♦ Challenge:

- Design next generation X-Ray telescope that
  - Has 25 M<sup>2</sup> collector (mirror) area.
  - Has a 100 M focal length
  - Provide S/C bus to house power, comm, ACS, C&DH.
- Launch scenario:
  - Direct insertion to L2 orbit
  - Insertion of components to LEO (space station), assembly at station, transfer to L2 orbit





# Mechanical

## Selected Configuration and Rationale

- ◆ Because the study is just beginning all configurations were considered.
- ◆ Some were dismissed quickly for obvious reasons.
- ◆ The others have their merits that warrant further study.
  - These options/configurations will be presented with their advantages and disadvantages





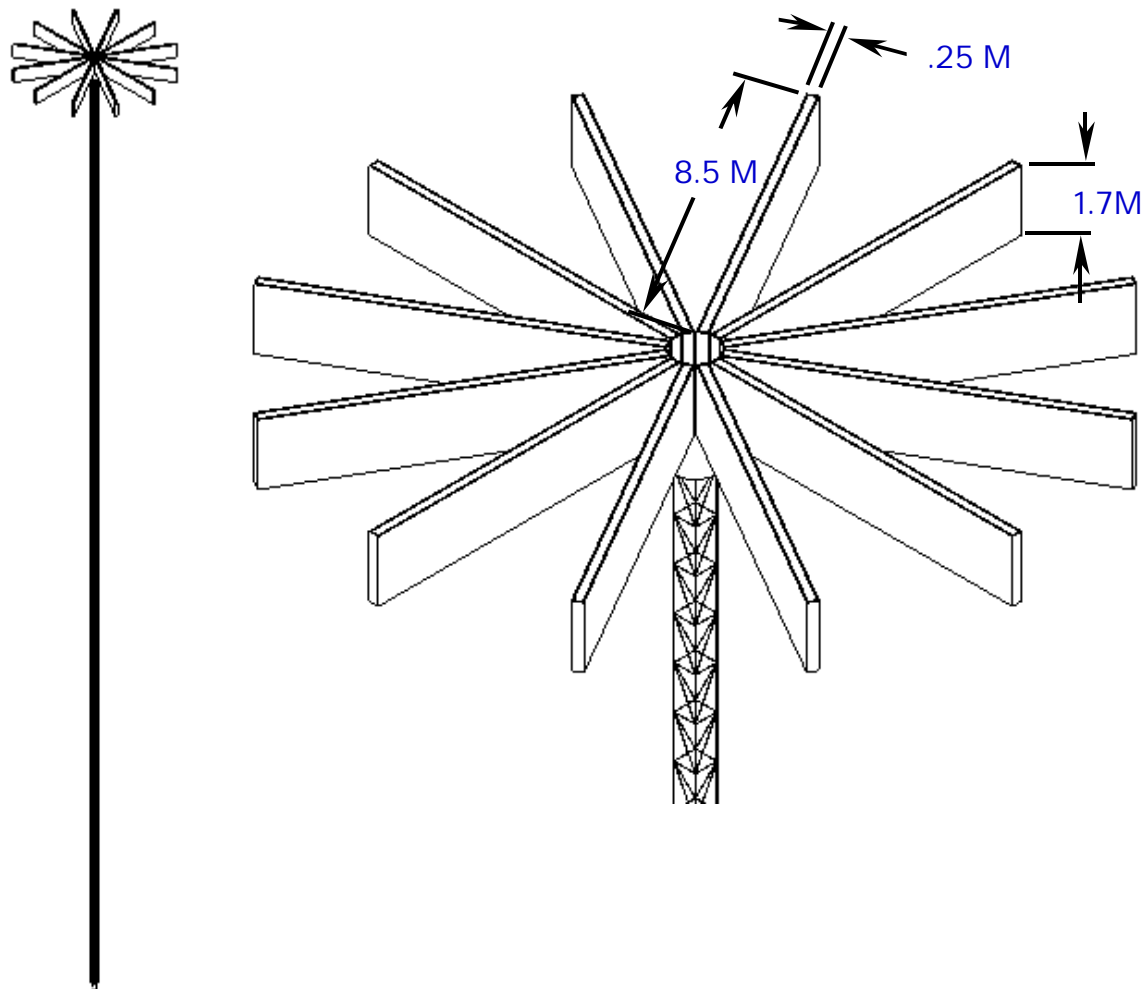
# Mechanical Spacecraft Configurations

## Option #1

- Direct insertion to L2
- Petals fold down around Bus
- Mast deploys to 100 M
- Will dimensionally fit in Delta IV shroud

## Rejected

- Thermal limitations -Petals present too much exposed area for adequate thermal control





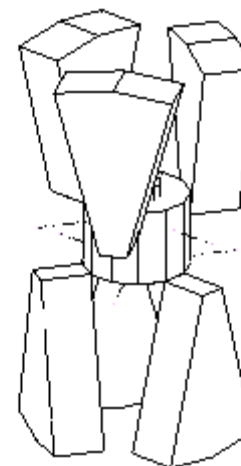
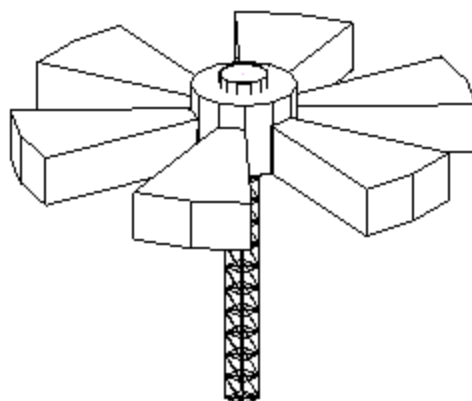
# Mechanical Spacecraft Configurations

## Option #2

- Direct insertion to L2
- Delta IV launch vehicle
- 6 Petals
- Spinner, S/C bus despun
- Solar array
  - Deployed from end of collectors
- Mast deploys to 100 M

## Rejected:

- Does not meet 25 M<sup>2</sup>
- Thermal limited





# Mechanical Spacecraft Configurations

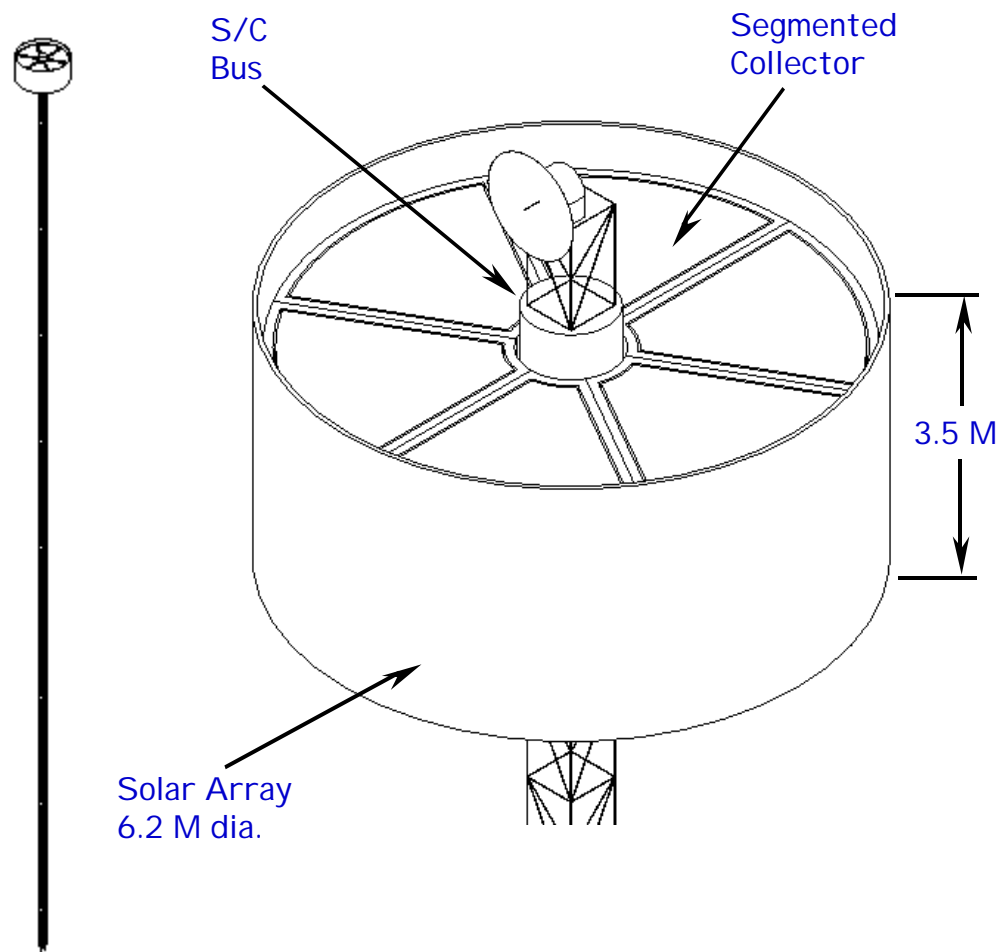


## Option #3

- Components to LEO
- Assembly and Check-out at Space Station
- Collector segments form 6 M dia.
- Solar array around collector. Also serves as sun shade for collector
- Spinner with despun bus
- Mast deploys to 100 M
- Component size will be optimized for launch vehicle

### Draw-backs:

- Means of transfer to L2
  - Slow trip-
    - long dwell in radiation belt
    - soft ride
  - Quick trip-
    - chance of damage to collector
    - misalignment of collector







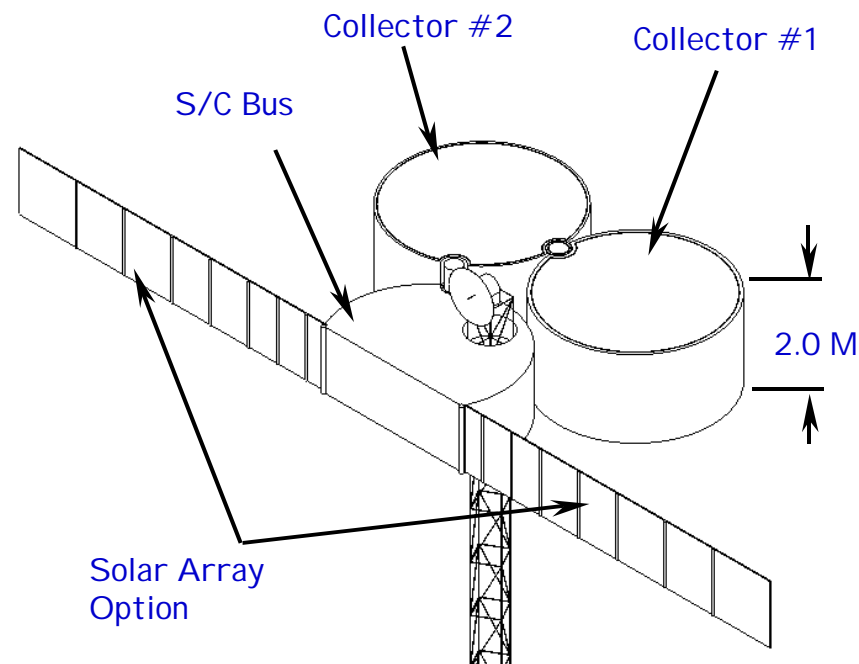
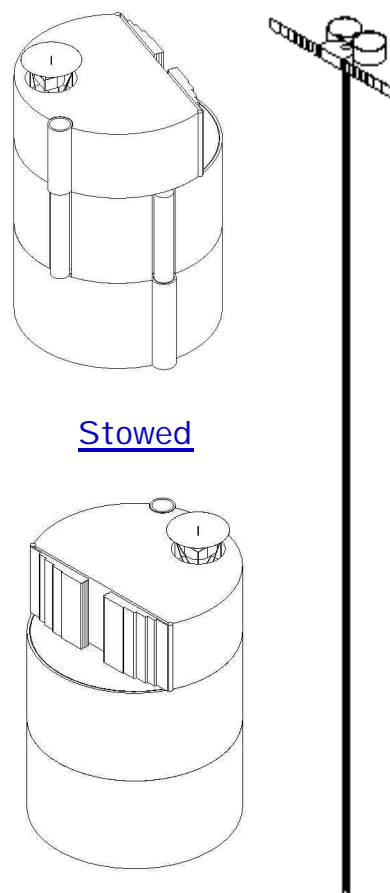
# Mechanical Spacecraft Configurations

## ✓ Option #4

- Direct insertion to L2
- Delta IV launch vehicle
  - **mass critical !!**
- 3 Modules
  - 2 collectors 4M dia. each
  - 1 bus 4M dia.
- Modules will rotate and drop into place
- Solar array
  - deployed from side of bus
  - along surface of collectors
- Mast deploys to 100 M

### Draw-backs:

- Mass Critical
- If shuttle is used no provisions have been made for apogee kick motor for L2 insertion





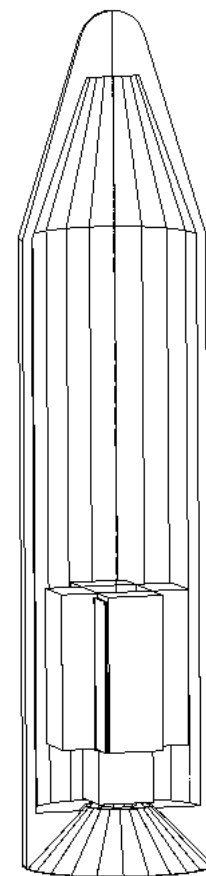
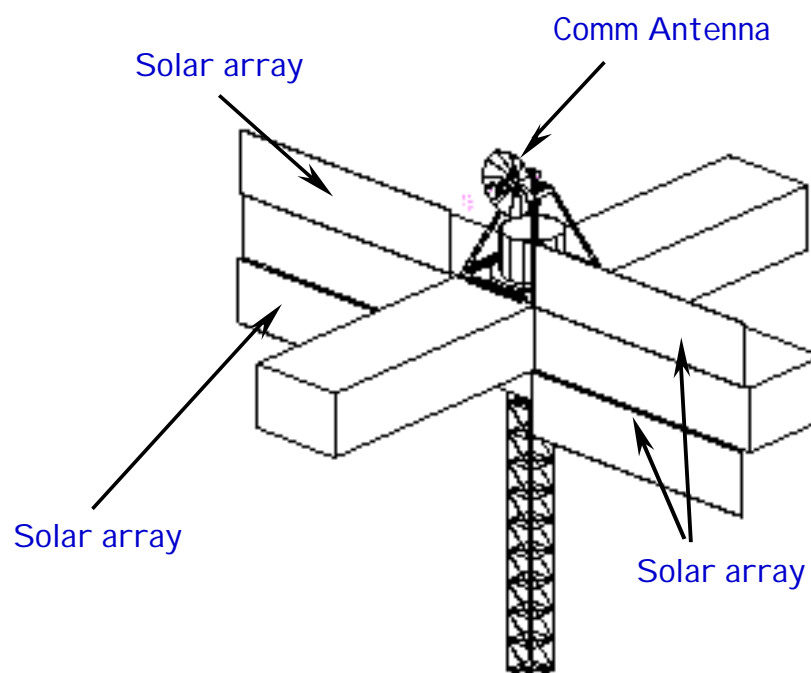
# Mechanical Spacecraft Configurations

## Option #5

- Direct insertion to L2
- Delta IV launch vehicle
- 4 Petals
- Solar array
  - along surface of collectors
- Mast deploys to 100 M
- Apogee kick motor incorporated

## Draw-backs:

- Thermally challenging





# Mechanical Mass Summary

◆ Capabilities	◆ S/C Mass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delta IV (heavy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LEO - 20,500 kg</li> <li>C3 = -0.7 - 7526 kg</li> </ul> </li> <li>Atlas V (552) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LEO 20,520 kg</li> <li>C3 = -0.7 - 5719 kg</li> </ul> </li> <li>STS (shuttle) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LEO - <math>\frac{12,000}{14,000}</math> kg</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experiment 5600 kg</li> <li>Bus 500 kg</li> <li>Sub-systems 500 kg</li> <li>Prop system (LEO to L2) 5000 kg (Star 63F)</li> </ul>





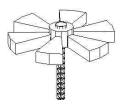
# Mechanical Trades/Risks/Issues & Concerns

## ◆ Option #1



**REJECTED (Thermal)**

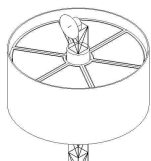
## ◆ Option #2



**REJECTED (Collector area, thermal)**



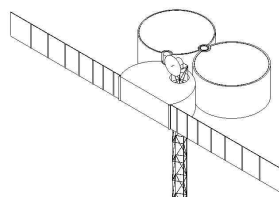
## ◆ Option #3



- plus - symmetrical, thermal friendly, large solar array
- minus - EVA involved, propulsion required

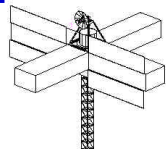


## ◆ Option #4



- plus - large collector area, lower inertia, adjustable alignment
- minus - complex deployment, mass

## ◆ Option #5



- plus - simpler deployments, symmetrical
- minus - thermally challenging, sun shielding

